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MARCH 21

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1. COREPER DURING ITS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9 DISCUSSED
THE SUBJECTS SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN UP BY THE EC ENERGY
MINISTERS DURING THEIR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING ON
MARCH 21 (REF A). ACCORDING TO A DANISH PERMDEL OFFICIAL,
IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT MEMBER STATES STILL
HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON SOME OF THE SUBJECTS CARRIED
OVER FROM 1977 AND ON THE NEW EC COMMISSION INITIATIVES
FOR AN EC COAL SUBSIDY AND OIL REFINERY IMPROVEMENTS
(REF B) OR WERE PREPARED TO BLOCK APPROVAL OF SUCH
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PROPOSALS UNLESS THOSE THEY FAVORED WERE ALSO APPROVED.
THE BRITISH PERMREP QUESTIONED THE UTILITY OF HOLDING AN
ENERGY COUNCIL IF IT WAS SO APPARENT IN ADVANCE THAT
THERE WOULD BE LITTLE CHANCE OF AGREEMENT ON ANY SUBJECT.
DANISH AMBASSADOR RIBERHOLDT AGREED, AND AFTER CONSULTING
COPENHAGEN, HE INFORMED THE OTHER PERMDELS THAT THE
MARCH 21 ENERGY COUNCIL WOULD NOT BE HELD. INSTEAD, HE

CONVOKED A MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL'S HIGH-LEVEL GROUP
ON ENERGY FOR MARCH 21 TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE
OBSTACLES PREVENTING PROGRESS ON SOME OF THE MEASURES.
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